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REMARKS

The Examiner states that the present application contains six patentably distinct inventions: the embodiments of (a) Figures 1A, 1B, 6A and 6B; (b) Figures 2A, 2B, 6A and 6B; (c) Figures 3A, 3B, 6A and 6B; (d) Figures 4A, 4B, 6A and 6B; (e) Figures 5A, 5B, 5C and 5D; (f) Figures 7A-D. With all of these embodiments patentably distinct, if the Examiner should find prior art relevant to only one of the six, without further searching, the other embodiments are necessarily patentable. As noted at M.P.E.P. §802.01:

The term "distinct" means that two or more subjects as disclosed are related, ... but are capable of separate manufacture, use, or sale as claimed, AND ARE PATENTABLE (novel and unobvious) OVER EACH OTHER (though they may each be unpatentable because of the prior art).

Emphasis in original. Moreover, if a generic claim is found allowable, then each of the embodiments covered by the generic claim can be contained in the same patent.

Applicant elects with traverse the first species, that is, the embodiments of Figures 1A, 1B, 6A and 6B.

To better organize the subject matter, the dependency of four of the claims were modified above. Accordingly, the following claims read on the embodiments of the elected species: Claims 1-12, 15-18, 26-28, 31-36, 38-42, and 45.

The Examiner is respectfully requested to reconsider this requirement since the various embodiments are closely related and the Examiner will not be able to show as

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required by MPEP §803 "a serious burden on the Examiner if restriction is not required." Furthermore, the Examiner will not be able to show either a separate classification, separate status in the art, or a different field of search, as required by MPEP §808.02.

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